

TOWN ASSEMBLY MEETING FOR THE VILLAGE OF ARDEN
WAS HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 22, 1993 AT 7:30 PM
IN THE GILD HALL, ARDEN.

MINUTES FROM MARCH TOWN ASSEMBLY

THOSE PRESENT:

Elizabeth Varley	Richard Bloom	Marianne Cinaglia
Rae Gerstine	Hugh Roberts	Steven Threefoot
Ruth Bean	Lou Bean	Jean Brachman
Teri Tremel	Bernie Brachman	Gail Rinehart
Rodney Jester	Peggy Aumack	Shaul Gladstone
Peter Renzetti	Maryellen Jobson	Jannie Stearns
Don Holcomb	Paul Thompson	Bonnie Phillips
Aaron Hamburger	Barbara Fenske	Sally Hamburger
Connee McKinney	Rebecca Fisher	Carl Falco
Lew Aumack	Carolyn Liberman	Carlisle Landel
Russ McKinney	Cy Liberman	Larry Walker
Allan Kleban	Debbie Theis	Tim Colgan
Linda Eck nv	Sadie Somerville	Chris Demsey
John Demsey	Irene O'Connor	

Agenda Clarification: none

Approval of January Town Minutes: approved

Communications: none

The Delaware Nature Society representative Sue Welles then gave us a description of their stewardship program. Stewardship recognition encourages the preservation of important natural lands in private ownership. This non-binding, nonregulatory organization is dedicated to the preservation of representative natural areas and to environmental education at all levels. The Nature Society maintains its headquarters at the Ashland Nature Center near Hockessin, Delaware and a facility at the Abbotts Mill Nature Center near Milford, Delaware.

A motion from the Town Assembly, and a handshake from the Town Assembly Chairman took place with the representatives of the Delaware Nature Society and we look forward to future visits and reports from the Society.

Town Watch representative Kate Bartolo then gave her report and later Brian Cahill Community Services Office for the New Castle County Police, spoke. Non emergency number to call 573-2800. Officer Cahill is available to discuss any community problems in our area and will try to make other visits and reports to Arden.

Kate Bartolo thanked all participants in the Town Watch to date and asks that residents report all incidents to either herself or Officer Cahill so they can be aware of incidents on the increase in the Village. Kate's number is 529-9488.

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The Town Assembly Chairman then called for a moment of silence to remember Susan Rohrbach, George Macklem and Winnie Davis, Arden residents who recently died.

The Chairman reported that Jannie Stearns, who was appointed to be Town records keeper, would be retiring from this position. The Delaware Local Records department in Dover have informed us that they will be publishing a new instruction manual on record keeping, when this is received it will be passed on to all committees via the Town Secretary.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Shaul Gladstone

1. Cash and investments on hand as of March 1, 1993 were as follows:

Interest bearing bank balance	\$ 75,334.32
Arden Building and Loan Shares	\$ 40,000.00
TOTAL	\$115,334.32

2. Effective April 1, 1993, annual expenditures for staff salaries and office rent will be as follows:

a - Administrative Assistant	\$ 6,048.00
b - Secretarial	\$ 1,920.00
c - Office Rent	\$ 2,100.00

3. We request that all Committee Chairs who will be materially over or under budget report that fact as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
TRUSTEES OF ARDEN
Shaul Gladstone, Senior Trustee

REPORT ACCEPTED

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Marianne Cinaglia

Nominations were taken from the floor and ballots passed out. A motion to close the nominations was taken and the voting took place. The Ballots were collected by Registration committee and placed in the Ballot box and will be counted Tuesday March 23, 1993 at 7 PM at the BWVC.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Sally Hamburger

It's been a tough season for the Archives Committee, as for the whole Town. The death of the chairman of the Archives Advisory Board, Sue Rohrbach, was a severe blow in every way. Sue's dedication to Arden's history, her expertise in the field of art preservation and museum policy, and her inspiration are irreplaceable. Nevertheless, Connie McKinney valiantly convened the committee and Katrina Nelson and Mark Taylor, a brand new resident, have agreed to co-chair. The current focus of this committee's tasks are:

- * to explore the possibilities and impact of historic preservation in Arden.

Is there any way we can preserve historic landmarks, like the Founders House without endangering the architectural diversity so essential to Arden's character and philosophy?

* continued work on finding ways and means to computerize the information in the Archives to make it more accessible.

I remind you that the Advisory Board is not an elected committee of the Town and takes no action - its function is to advise the elected committee, to help us with their expertise and energy to do the work of collecting, preserving and sharing Arden's history.

Meanwhile, your elected committee has been suffering from illness and depleted energy. Joan Colgan remains in intensive care at Riverside Hospital and Pat Liberman is recuperating well from her fall. Pat is stepping down from this committee, it is hard for her to get to meetings. However, she promises to continue working with visitors, students and scholars interested in Arden history. It's her special field, requiring more time and patience than the rest of us have to offer. Pat is currently reviewing and editing the Arden chapter of a book on the Georgist view of Single Tax by a visiting professor of economics in Latvia. Really tedious work.

The rest of us keep slogging along working on filing and organizing the material, especially photographs. Last week I worked with a graduate student researching the interior of ^{home decor} craftspersons in the early 1900s. We are really excited about working with Kate Ruggeri on her degree in architecture from Moore College of Art. Kate has worked up a very thoughtful and imaginative design for space use in the Buzz Ware Village Center and the Gild Hall. It gives us some vision of how we could make the most efficient and economical use of Arden space if we give the matter time and attention.

Recent additions to the collection include a painting by Ralph Scharf, donated by Finn and Karol Hannover, and a collage about I.B. Finkelstein, donated by Mark Taylor and Sadie Somerville, new residents in the Marcellus/Finkelstein/Little house.

The future holds a field trip to Rae Gerstine's basement. The Town Secretary is searching for the Town Assembly records before 1943. Where are they? Do they exist? Who took notes?

REPORT ACCEPTED

ASSESSORS: Aaron Hamburger

Yvonne King resigned from the Board and Bernie Brachman the next elected nominee for this committee, will take her place. Next public meeting will be Monday May 24, 1993 and Thursday June 3, 1993 at the BWVC.

REPORT ACCEPTED

AUDIT COMMITTEE: no report

BUDGET REPORT: Larry Walker

As the Town Committees organize themselves, the Budget Committee would like to remind Committee members to begin considering items for their budget for the coming year. After the June Town Meeting, the Budget Committee will start assembling the budget requests from the various committees. The Budget Committee needs to have the proposed budgets before the end of July so that there is ample time to consider the individual requests, to consider

the budget in its entirety, and to have time to request revisions or additional information.

The Budget Committee will make its final report to the September Town Meeting, and this can only be done if the various committees have their budget proposal submitted to us in July.

REPORT ACCEPTED

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Connee Wright McKinney

Our committee has several items to report tonight.

We sponsored several events this spring. On Sunday, February 7, we held our 4th Annual Valentine Making Get-together and a record crowd of children with parents attended. Thank you to Ruth Bean for organizing this event and for those who participated.

On Sunday, February 21, we baked cookies and made notepaper to prepare for the 6th Annual Sunshine Sale. We had a very good turn-out and many totally unique notecards were made: some opened from left to right and some came already signed. Thank you to Debbie Stiles for helping with the cookie-baking, to Dorsey Lebeis for organizing the notepaper, and to Cecilia Vore for bringing her wonderful collection of rubber stamps. The sale was held on Saturday, February 27. Delicious homemade soup (clam chowder and vegetable beef) and sandwiches were prepared by Barbara Fenkse and served by Molly Cook, a new Ardentown resident. Thank you to those who contributed white elephants or made a donation. We collected \$180 and donated it to the non-profit Sunshine Foundation for dream trips for seriously ill children.

The new yoga group continues to meet in Room 4 every Thursday evening. All residents are welcome to attend. Please bring a rug or quilt. Call Naomi Clark (-2608) for information.

All residents are invited to help us make Easter baskets on Sunday, April 4 from 1-3 pm. They will be distributed to older residents of the three Ardens directly after the ACRA Easter Egg Hunt. Supplies and refreshments will be provided.

We will be hosting our annual Over 80's Party some time in June. Please see the Arden Page for details.

We have had only minor maintenance problems at the BWVC this spring. We have a roof leak in the entrance foyer and we will probably be replacing a thermostat in Room 1. Work on the fire protection upgrade will begin soon. Also there was an attempted break-in at the building the week-end of January 30th, the police were called before anyone broke into the building.

After mid-April, I will be meeting with Marie Dugan of the Wilmington Montessori School to discuss their future plans at the BWVC. We have had on-going informal discussions about the building progress of their addition at the Harvey Road site. A month ago, Marie thought that the new building might be done by September; however, I do not think that they are planning to leave the BWVC at that time. Marie Dugan hopes that by mid-April, she will be able to estimate how soon the construction will be done, and, at that time, we will be better able to discuss their plans at the BWVC. As most of you know, their contract is until 1996. I will give Town Assembly an update in June.

We are continuing to discuss names for our consulting committee and hopefully we will have that committee formed by June. If you would like to be involved on the BWVC Consulting Committee or have a suggestion for a possible member, please let us know and we would be happy to talk about it.

I have met with Kate Ruggiero, a student at Moore College of Art. In the process of working on a student project for the Arden Club, she decided to include the Buzz Ware Village Center. Although this is a student project and somewhat theoretical, I have been delighted with her ideas for using the space at the BWVC. Her presentation is in April so hopefully I will have some sketches to show at the Town Meeting in June. We can call it the BWVC Dream Project.

Building use from the September to January Town Meetings: 28 meetings, 4 special events and 2 classes; from January to March Town Meetings: 13 meetings, 7 classes, and 3 special events. The Archives Committee continues to be open for visitors to stop by every Saturday at 10 am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Connee Wright McKinney, Chairperson

REPORT ACCEPTED

CIVIC COMMITTEE: Lou Bean

We had hoped to have the work on the field theater done by this meeting, but Winter which, in these parts, generally occurs in January and February took place in February and March this year. We did install a four-inch drain line from the theater to the ten-inch concrete drain about one hundred feet away. It has been tried out and it works fine. A proper drain has long been needed for the theater. A contract has been awarded for sodding both the stage and audience areas. The work should be done by the end of next month.

Having introduced the subject of Winter we must talk about the big snowstorm and how we managed it. There were problems and Aaron and I received many phone calls about neglected areas. There were delays, but eventually we responded to each of the calls. The main reason for our delays were 1) equipment breakdowns, 2) wet snow freezing at night made it almost impossible to plow, and 3) this was a very severe storm. All in all I think that a good job was done.

Still preoccupied with the snowstorm there is talk that three quarters of the clean up cost would be borne by the Federal Government. Toward that end we will attend a meeting Wednesday afternoon in Glasgow presumably to learn how to get it. Arden could receive around \$1200.

The Green was seriously damaged the evening of March 5, by the usual joy rider with a vehicle. But this time with a difference. The vehicle got stuck and someone noticed and called County Police. To whomever called we are indebted. The driver has admitted driving on the Green, but said he made a "wrong turn". A copy of a quotation for Green repair of \$985 has been submitted to the Police.

The badly corroded storm drain from the end of Lovers Lane into Sherwood Forest was replaced just before the real winter descended on us. We have reason to believe that all of our storm drains are in good shape.

REPORT ACCEPTED

The Village of Arden
Meeting of the Town Assembly
March 22, 1993

Quarterly Report of the Community Planning Committee Meeting

A. QUARTERLY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATIONS

The last meeting of the Committee focused on a review of the past year's activities, with recommendations to the prospective new Committee for the next year. Two important issues were discussed.

1. Recommendations for the clarification of responsibilities for historic restoration and preservation with Arden (which remains the only entire town in the United States to be on the official registry of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.)
2. An in-depth review of the activities and official responsibilities of the Committee, with explicit consideration being given to such options as:
 - a. Continuation of the Committee with, more explicit, operational, rational and essential (unique) responsibilities being specified;
 - b. Abolition of the Committee, with past or prospective types of activities being handled by
 - 1) absorption into the activities of other current committees (with or without minor modifications of presently stated responsibilities.
 - 2) absorption into expanded, cleaned-up or clarified responsibilities of the Advisory Committee (the composition of which seems more appropriate for long-term planning of the "physical and cultural future" of Arden), such responsibilities being exercised either a) **directly** via the development and recommendation of explicit plans/programs/guidelines/events or b) **indirectly** via the appointment of temporary or ad hoc subcommittees or task forces.

B. CIVIC ASSOCIATION ISSUES

An up-date of activities directly or indirectly impinging on Arden includes only minor considerations.

1) Land development: Chuck McKean, one of our appointed representatives to the Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred (CCOBH) reports that the property near the Silverside Dairy plus historic Forwood School was previously proposed for residential and commercial development; rejected by the N.C.C. Planning Department/Board; recent application for residential only was presented to CCOBH with no position yet taken. Since Chuck's report, a new hearing before the Planning Department/Board has been scheduled for April 6, 7 PM, in Council Chambers, the City/County Bldg.

2. Representation: Lew Aumack's appointed term to CCOBH is about to expire. He will not be available for further appointment. This leaves a vacancy for anyone interested in such a two-year appointment; although appointed representatives report through the Community Planning Committee, this committee has no responsibility for initiating or selecting such representatives and interested person should contact the Town Chairman, Bill Press, directly.

Special attention is called to the fact that Arden is a paid-up member of two civic associations: CCOBH and the Civic League of New Castle County. Therefore, anyone interested in volunteering time in civic organizations beyond (but including) Arden should consider both organization and not just CCOBH as before. The two organizations are significantly different and one may be found more satisfying for meaningful than the other. As the saying goes, measure twice and cut once.

Two consideration may be required in the near future:

- a) CCOBH will continue to charge \$15 annual dues but add \$10/yr. for each copy of the monthly newsletter which we now receive free. (Anyone can subscribe to the newsletter.)

- b) When our annual membership expires, we should discuss and decide which, if any, civic associations in our area we choose to support with our money and effort.

C. SCHEDULED EVENTS

1) **Woodlands/Naaman's Creek Annual Clean-up:** Scheduled for April 24, rain date the next clear day; more detailed announcement (time, meeting points, recommended clothing and tools) will appear in the *Arden Page*.

2) **Memorial Gardens Clean-up.** Scheduled for May 8, will be announced in *Arden Page*.

Submitted by Lew Aumack, Chairman, Community Planning Committee

REPORT ACCEPTED

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE - no report

PLAYGROUND: Larry Walker for Pat Jordan

The Playground Committee has continued its maintenance of all equipment, and reports that all areas are in sound condition.

All equipment is "adult tested" during each inspection to ensure that it will support children playing on it.

An upcoming project is to install shock adsorbing mulch under the monkey bars and sliding boards. This has been delayed because of bad weather.

REPORT ACCEPTED

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Varley

As of March 22, 1993 there are 399 eligible voters in the Village of Arden. Yvonne King has resigned from the committee due to her work schedule. Since tonight is election night, this poses no real problem for the entire committee will be elected tonight. As has been the practice for the past several years the ballots will be counted tomorrow night at 7 PM at the Buzz Ware Village Center. Any interested citizen may watch the proceedings.

The Welcome Hither Committee held an open house this past Sunday afternoon at the home of Jannie Stearns. The Registration Committee thanks the Welcome Hither group for putting on such a lovely party. The Welcome Hither's are busy keeping track of newcomers to the Village and if you know of anyone who has recently moved to Arden please contact Jannie, Ruth Bean, Sally Hamburger, Maryellen Jobson or any of the new Registration Committee or the Town Secretary, Irene O'Connor.

Even though the change to the Registration Committee has not yet passed the General Assembly in Dover, we will elect five members to the Committee tonight. Those candidates with the first, second and third highest number of votes will be elected for a two year term. Those candidates receiving the fourth and fifth highest number of votes will be elected for a one year term. This will result in a much needed continuity in the Committee and will make the work load more evenly divided among the members. Next year there will be three members elected to a two year term. Registration will then be following the normal rotation of two to be elected in odd years and three in even years. As is customary, the candidate receiving the sixth highest number of votes will be the runner-up and will be called upon to serve if any member has to resign from the Committee.

REPORT ACCEPTED

THE WELCOME HITHER COMMITTEE: Jannie Stearns

Our greeters have met with all new resident except 2. These 2 were, however invited to the party.

The Welcome Hither Committee presented our Block Party yesterday, March 21, 1993 from 2-4 PM. Our party was well attended and there enjoyed new friends, good friendship, good food and good times. The perimeter of this block party was Lower Walnut-Harvey-Orleans and Green Lane. All new residents were invited. Several people have approached me with the request that we have a repeat of our entire town party again in late summer.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday April 26 at 7:30 PM at which time several new ideas will be presented. I thank all committee members for their wonderful co-operation.

REPORT ACCEPTEDSAFETY COMMITTEE: Tim Colgan

A Start-up date has not been communicated to us from the State Highway Dept. to install the traffic light at the intersection of Orleans and Harvey Roads. We will send out notification of the date as soon as the State tells us. Now that it is Spring and you are out trimming shrubs and trees, don't forget to keep areas around traffic and road signs clear as well as road intersections. We have discussed with the ACRA Board the possibility of co-sponsoring a first-aid class. This was an idea kicked around in committee a year ago and now that ACRA has a desire to help promote it we are hoping to schedule it sometime in May.

Lastly, I come with a bird in hand and one in the bush. I present to the Town a check for \$700 from the Village of Ardentown as their contribution to Town Watch. Also, Kate Bartolo, our coordinator, met with the Ardencroft Town meeting residents, and they have promised a contribution of \$500.

*DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER FOR TOWN WATCH!

REPORT ACCEPTED

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjournment - 10 PM

Respectfully submitted

Irene M. O'Connor
Town Assembly Secretary

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

BELOW ARE THE RESULTS OF BALLOTS FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEES ELECTED IN
THE MARCH TOWN MEETING:

ARCHIVES: Jean Brachman, convenor*, Rebecca Fisher, Irene O'Connor. Runner-up is Maryellen Jobson. Serving members are: Sally Hamburger, Joan Colgan.

AUDIT: Teri Tremal, convenor*, Wayne Knotts. Runner-up is John Landis. Serving member is John Wheeler.

BUDGET: Marianne Cinaglia, convenor*, Larry Walker. Runner-up is Kim Milling. Serving members are: Christine Demsey, James Schwaber, James Pasquarella.

BUZZ WARE: Connee McKinney, convenor*, Ruth Bean, Hays Butler. Runner-up is Jean Olson. Serving members are John Demsey, Barbara Fenske.

CIVIC: Lynne Svenning, convenor*, Rodney Jester. Runner-up is Charles McKean. Serving members are: Lou Bean, Aaron Hamburger, Bernie Brachman.

COMMUNITY
PLANNING: Don Holcomb, convenor*, Rebecca Fisher, Betsy Roberts and Marjorie Mabrey tied for third place. We hope both of you will serve until the tie can be resolved at June Town Assembly Meeting. Serving members are: James Schwaber and Russ McKinney.

LEGISLATIVE
REFERENCE: Bess Southwell, convenor*, Hugh Roberts, Mary Irons. Runner-up is Tom Hornung. Serving members are: Steven Threefoot, Lanier Colgan.

PLAYGROUND: Mary Vernon, convenor*, Beth Stevenson, Jannie Stearns. Runner-up is Shawn Van Neerden. Serving members are Larry Walker, Judy Butler.

REGISTRATION: Sharon Kleban, convenor*, Elizabeth Varley, Bess Southwell, Paul Thompson, Maryanne Van Neerden. Runner-up is Richard Bloom.

SAFETY: Tim Colgan, convenor*, A. Barnes King. Runner-up is Peggy Aumack. Serving members are: Peter Renzetti, Tom Colgan, Dane Miller.

TOWN ASSEMBLY
CHAIRMAN: WILLIAM PRESS

TOWN ASSEMBLY
TREASURER: RAE GERSTINE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN: MARIANNE CINAGLIA

TOWN ASSEMBLY
SECRETARY: IRENE O'CONNOR